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APPLICANTS: Gibson et al.

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FOR: HIGH VISCOSITY LIQUID CONTROLLED DELIVERY SYSTEM AND
MEDICAL OR SURGICAL DEVICEAssistant Commissioner for
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facsimile on the date shown below to the Patent and Trademark
Office at (703-872-9306 on January 30, 2002RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Examiner issued a requirement for restriction dated July 30, 2001,

02/25/2002 HDENDY 0000001-110455-A9245192 requiring restriction between the following inventions:

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- I. Claim 88 (in part) drawn to compounds of formula II;
- II. Claim 88 (in part) drawn to compounds of formula III;
- III. Claim 88 (in part) drawn to compounds of formula IV;
- IV. Claim 88 (in part) drawn to compounds of formula V;
- V. Claim 88 (in part) drawn to compounds of formulae VI and VII;
- VI. Claim 88 (in part) drawn to compounds of formula VIII.

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The Examiner states that the inventions are distinct because they are drawn to different structural compounds, and that restriction is proper because the search for one group is not required for the others.

The Examiner further requires Applicants to elect a single disclosed species from the elected group.

Applicants elect the invention of Group III, with traverse. Applicants further elect the species of compound of formula IV wherein R1, R2, R3, and R5 are acetate and R4 is lactate, with traverse.

Applicants respectfully traverse the requirement for restriction to the extent that the Examiner is restricting within a single claim, and appears to intend to withdraw nonelected "groups" from consideration, and has not indicated that she is following the procedure set forth in MPEP 803.02. It is improper for the Examiner to withdraw a portion of the claim from consideration, since this is tantamount to a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 121. *See In re Weber*, 198 USPQ 328 (CCPA 1978); *In re Haas*, 198 USPQ 334 (CCPA 1978). Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner should follow the procedure described in MPEP 803.02 with respect to the nonelected groups above.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition that the period for response to the Office Action mailed on July 30, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application be extended for five months, to and including January 30, 2002. Our check in the amount of \$1960.00 to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due
or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,



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